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NEW ACADEMY TO STRESS MARXISM-LENINISM

POLITICAL ECONOMY ACADEMY OPENS -- Kaepyok Sinpo, 3 Feb 50

The Academy of Political Economy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was officially inaugurated on 1 February 1950 in P'yongyang in a ceremony conducted at the P'yongyang National Theater of Arts. The academy was founded in accordance with Cabinet Decision No 184 of 8 December 1949.

The ceremony was attended by Kim Il-song and other officials of the North Korean government, representatives of various political parties and social organizations, and prominent scholars and professors. Ambassador Shtikov and the Soviet scholars who have been visiting North Korea also observed the ceremony.

The purpose of this academy is to provide a 2½-year intensive leadership training program for the members of the Cabinet, Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, directors of government bureaus, chairmen of the Provincial People's Committees, political parties and social organizations, and other leaders and directors of North Korea. The ceremony thus marked the most significant event in the academic history and the leadership training program of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

GOVERNMENT NOT SATISFIED WITH OTHER SCHOOLS -- Kaepyok Sinpo, 3 Feb 50

Pak Hon-yong, Vice Premier of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in his congratulatory address at the inauguration ceremony of the Academy of Political Economy stated that "both the North Korean People's Committee and the government of the Republic have been extremely interested in providing higher level leadership training for the political, social, and economic leaders of North Korea. For this reason, Kim Il-song University and 14 other state-managed universities, as well as over 80 special and technical institutions, have been established in recent years.

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In addition, the Central Executive Training School under the direct supervision of the Cabinet, and the executive training centers in each ministry, were established to indoctrinate or reindoctrinate high officials. The various political parties and social organizations have also opened their own leadership training schools. As a result, our national affairs have been managed with out own power.

"Nevertheless, we are not entirely satisfied with the results. Consequently, our government has decided to establish this academy. This institution has a serious responsibility, that of training the leaders needed by our country for the purpose of attaining a peaceful unification and democratic independence."

ACADEMY TO TRAIN LEADERS -- Kaepyo Sinpo, 3 Feb 50

Ch'oe Ch'ang-ik, director of the Academy of Political Economy, stated in his address on the inauguration of the academy that the school's mission is to carry out the task of democratic leadership training of the top leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through the intensive teaching of Marxism-Leninism and other "modern" sciences.

Ch'oe continued: "Kim Il-song has been particularly interested in the re-indoctrination of the leaders with the most modern sciences in order to cement the foundation for permanent independence of Korea. Heretofore, various colleges and universities have made praiseworthy efforts in the training of democratic leaders, but we are by no means contented with the results. In view of today's grave national situation, the Republic strongly demands leaders who are equipped with the knowledge of the most modern and advanced sciences.

"Only Marxism-Leninism can guide us to victory, and only those who are thoroughly equipped with Marxism-Leninism shall be our leaders.

"The 2½-year leadership training program of the academy will be limited to the top officers of the Republic. The first enrollment of 400 students will be composed of 256 high government officials and national executives of political parties and social organizations, 104 executive members of the provincial people's committees, political parties and social organizations, and 40 outstanding leaders in cities and counties."

The academy offers five curricula: Marxism-Leninism, political science and economy, Korean history, world history, and the history of diplomacy. The first curriculum will cover the theories of Marx, Lenin, Engels, and Stalin. The general principles of the development of political economy will be taught in the second curriculum, with the main emphasis on the analysis of fallacies of capitalism. Ancient and modern Korean history will be studied from the standpoint of Marxism-Leninism.

The first four curricula will consist of 1,520 hours each of lectures and seminars, distributed 16 hours weekly. Required courses will include 312 hours for the study of Marxism-Leninism, of which 232 hours are for class lectures and 80 hours for seminars; 276 hours for the study of USSR history, including 252 hours for lectures and 24 hours for seminars; 190 hours for Korean history, including 142 hours for lectures and 48 hours for seminars; 76 hours on the Korean language; and 150 hours on the Russian language [remaining hours elective].

The fifth curriculum requires 3,606 hours. This course covers Marxism-Leninism, dialectical materialism, historical materialism, world history, political economy, USSR history, world political geography, Korean political geography, history of diplomacy, law and government, Korean history, mathematics, physics, chemistry, Korean language and literature, Russian language and literature, history of world literature, natural history, Darwin's theory of evolution, psychology, education, and ethics. In the graduate division, the student may obtain a doctorate degree after 3 years' graduate work.

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[From the text it would appear that there are four curricula which can be chosen for the 2½-year undergraduate course, whereas the fifth curricula, which includes all the subjects in the other four, would seem intended for those who plan to pursue a doctorate in political economy.]

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